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SUBJECT: DEPUTY MINISTER OF TIMBER AND WOOD PROCESSING
EVALUATES HIS US VISIT

USDOC FOR BEWT/TDAD AND USSR

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1. COMATT AND COMOFF CALLED ON V.F. ZARETSKIY, DEPUTY MINISTER OF TIMBER AND WOOD PROCESSING, MARCH 7 TO HEAR HIS EVALUATION OF VISIT TO US PACIFIC NORTHWEST JAN 13-24 AND PRESENT FIRST SHIPMENT OF MATERIALS FORWARDED TO ZARETSKIY BY USDOC'S PORTLAND DISTRICT OFFICE.

2. DEPUTY MINISTER APPEARED PLEASED WITH BUSINESS ASPECTS OF TRIP, PARTICULARLY THE CHANCE TO OBSERVE US ENGINEERING PRACTICES. HE MENTIONED PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH UNNAMED FIRM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TURNKEY PLYWOOD FACTORY IN SIBERIA AND SAID THESE WOULD BE CONTINUED ON BASIS OF REFINED SOVIET SPECS. MINISTRY WILL ALSO STUDY PROPOSAL ZARETSKIY RECEIVED FROM NICHOLSON MFG. CO. (WITH C. ITOH) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CHIPBOARD PLANT.

3. SOVIET REJECTION OF TRADE REFORM ACT'S TERMS WAS ANNOUNCED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO VISIT, BUT DEPUTY MINISTER MENTIONED
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ONLY TWO SMALL INCIDENTS. AT SEATTLE LUNCHEON DEMONSTRATORS

ATTEMPTED TO PRESENT HIM WITH PETITION, WHICH MAYOR OF SEATTLE
ACCEPTED BUT DID NOT PASS ON TO SOVIETS. IN OREGON STUDENTS
CONFRONTED HIM WITH SIGNS READING "HANDS OFF CHINA" AND "USSR
REVERTING TO CAPITALISM". ZARETSKIY SEEMED UNCONCERNED
BY EITHER INCIDENT (IF SOMEWHAT BEMUSED BY SECOND) AND ENDED
CALL BY STRESSING NEED FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND USSR.
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